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SUBJECT: CENTO POLITICAL WORKING GROUP TO MEET SEPT 17

REF: ANKARA 5553

1. CENTO SECRETARIAT HAS CALLED A MEETING OF POLITICAL WORKING GROUP FOR FRIDAY, SEPT 17, TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TWO AND THREE OF POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER. ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT, THE MEETING WAS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE IRANIAN EMB HAS FINALLY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL).

2. EMBOFF MET WITH PAKISTANI MINISTER MATAIN SEPT 14 AT LATTER'S REQUEST TO REVIEW SITUATION PRIOR TO MEETING. MATIN SAID THAT "WARS BY PROXY" CONCEPT REMAINED A KEY INGREDIENT IN POL GUIDANCE PAPER IN PAKISTAN'S VIEW. EMBOFF EXPLAINED US OPPOSITION TO SUCH A BROADENING OF CENTO'S PURVIEW, AND SUGGESTED THAT DRAFT PARA 16 (WHICH COVERS POSSIBLE SOVIET USE OF TERRITORY, FACILITIES, AND ARMED FORCES OF ADJACENT STATES IN MOUNTING AN ATTACK) WENT VERY FAR TOWARD MEETING PAKISTAN'S NEEDS. MATIN SAID THAT PARA 16 WAS NOT ENOUGH, AND THAT IN ANY EVENT HE HAD HEARD THAT THE IRANIANS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK DELETION OF PARA 16. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION, EMBOFF TOOK
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OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT THAT US BELIEVES CENTO'S EXISTING

POLICY DOCUMENTS ARE ADEQUATE

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THE POL WORKING GROUP MAY BE ABOUT TO MOVE FROM A DEADLOCK ON PROCEDURE TO A DEADLOCK ON SUBSTANCE. TO ASSIST US IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE: (A) ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON US POSITION CONCERNING CENTO'S PURVIEW, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL POSITION; AND (B) DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON QUESTIONS OUTLINED IN PARA 13B OF ANKARA 8976, DATED DEC 5, 1975.
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